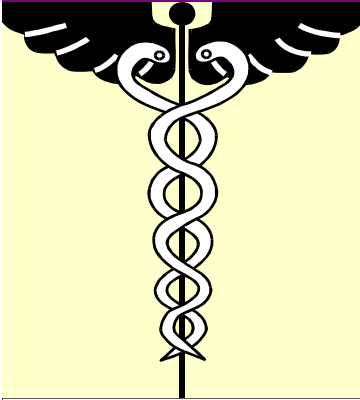


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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

J. DAVID LYNCH, JR., M.D.

Dr. Lynch is a Board Certified Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist. Dr. Lynch graduated from West Virginia University Medical School in Morgantown in 1989. He completed internship at St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, following which he was a Resident for three years in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at St. Francis and Mercy Hospital Medical Centers.

Dr. Lynch is engaged in the private practice of Rehabilitation Medicine in his hometown of Morgantown. He has hospital privileges in Morgantown at Monongalia General Hospital and HealthSouth Mountainview Rehabilitation Hospital. He is a clinical instructor at West Virginia University, Department of Internal Medicine and Orthopedics, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Lynch is licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania as well as in West Virginia.

Dr. Lynch has served as Medical Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program, the Musculoskeletal Program, the Pain Management Program, and the Outpatient Program, all at Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown, and was the Director of Physical Medicine there from 1995 to 1998. Dr. Lynch has also served a two year term as a member of the Advisory Board to West Virginia Workers' Compensation Division. His primary office is located in the Healthworks Rehabilitation and Fitness building which is co-owned by West Virginia University Hospital and Monongalia Health Systems. He has lectured on the management of several health problems, including chronic back pain, shoulder pain in the hemiplegic patient, right cerebral stroke, osteoarthritis, and ischemic spinal cord injury secondary to abdominal aortic aneurysm dissection. Dr. Lynch has a number of special interests: musculoskeletal disorders, peripheral and central nervous system disorders, acute and chronic pain syndrome, back pain, EMG/NCS-electro-diagnosis, amputees, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and impairment and disability evaluations.

?? DID YOU KNOW??

Why do consumers file complaints against physicians?

The most common complaint consumers have is not about fees or quality of care, but is related to the conduct of a physician – lack of attention or disinterest on the part of the physician, (or even the staff), rudeness, or failure to provide medical records when requested. When a beloved relative dies, apparent lack of sensitivity and communication issues often result in complaints. These are all areas where a physician's efforts to improve may result in fewer complaints being filed and less headaches for physicians.

*** NOTICE ***

The United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") has asked that we remind practitioners that they are not to treat patients for drug addiction with narcotics unless they are registered with the State and the DEA as a Narcotic Treatment Program, under the provisions of 21 CFR 1306.07(a). Also, practitioners may only administer narcotics for relief of acute withdrawal symptoms for 72 hours under 21 CFR 1306.07(b).

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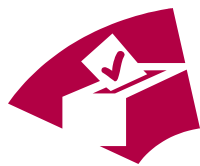
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ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Angelo N. Georges, M.D., an internal medicine specialist, engaged in the private practice of medicine in Wheeling, West Virginia, was recently re-elected President of the West Virginia Board of Medicine for his second term.

Carmen R. Rexrode, M.D., a family practitioner, from Moorefield, West Virginia, was re-elected Vice President of the West Virginia Board of Medicine for her second term.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF PRESCRIPTIONS BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The Board of Pharmacy has advised the Board of Medicine regarding electronic transmission of prescriptions by physician assistants that the pharmacy may accept a prescription electronically or by facsimile without seeing the back of the formulary if 11 CSR 1B 14.7 is followed in regard to providing a copy of the prescription form to the pharmacy where the physician assistant issues a prescription.

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BOARD ACTIONS
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IYER, SHIVKUMAR L., M.D. – Monroeville, PA (07/12/04)

WV License No. 18736

Board Conclusion: Relating to the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety.

Board Action: License reinstated effective July 12, 2004. Immediately upon issuance, license revoked, and such revocation is immediately stayed, and shall for a five (5) year period be placed on PROBATION, subject to terms.

LITTLE, PAUL MICHAEL, JR., M.D. – Princeton, WV (08/09/04)

WV License No. 18440

Board Conclusion: The inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to the past abuse of drugs.

Board Action: License placed in the active status effective August 9, 2004, under PROBATION for three (3) years, subject to Dr. Little's satisfactory compliance with all accommodations, limitations, restrictions, terms, and conditions of the Consent Order.

MALAYIL, MICHAEL THOMAS, M.D. – Washington, PA (09/13/04)

WV License No. 20277

Board Conclusion: Relating to making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED effective September 14, 2004; suspension STAYED immediately, pending compliance with terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order.

PISTEY, WARREN ROBERT, M.D. – Fairmont, WV (07/08/04)

WV License No. 09023

Board Conclusion: Renewing a license to practice medicine and surgery by fraudulent misrepresentation and making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED effective July 5, 2004; suspension STAYED immediately, pending compliance with all terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order.

QURESHI, ABDUL SATTAR, M.D. – Romney, WV (07/09/04)

WV License No. 18333

Board Conclusion: Renewing a license to practice medicine and surgery by fraudulent misrepresentation and making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED effective July 5, 2004; suspension STAYED immediately, pending compliance with all terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order.

ROMEO, MARTHA SUZANNE, M.D. – White Sulphur Springs, WV (09/13/04) WV License No. 18251

Board Conclusion: Renewing a license to practice medicine and surgery by fraudulent misrepresentation and dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED effective September 14, 2004; suspension STAYED immediately, pending compliance with all terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order.

SPENCER, FREDERICK ARTHUR, JR., M.D. – Salem, WV (08/17/04)

WV License No. 8901

Board Conclusion: Prescribing a controlled substance other than in good faith and in a therapeutic manner in accordance with accepted medical standards and in the course of a physician's professional practice; unprofessional, unethical, and dishonorable conduct and prescribing a controlled substance when he knew or should have known that a controlled substance will be used other than medicinally or for an accepted therapeutic purpose, and conduct which has the effect of bringing the medical profession into disrepute.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective August 15, 2004, and Dr. Spencer agrees not to apply for a medical license in West Virginia at any time in the future, and understands that if he does so, his request for medical licensure will be denied.



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continued



WINFRED, RAJEEV ISAAC, M.D. – Morgantown, WV (08/09/04)

WV License No. 19812

Board Conclusion: Relating to unprofessional and unethical conduct, and conduct which is calculated to bring or has the effect of bringing the medical profession into disrepute, including the departure from or failure to conform to the current principles of medical ethics of the American Medical Association (“AMA”).

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for unprofessional and unethical conduct involving the inappropriate touching of a patient without her consent; shall at all times, for the next five (5) years, have a third-party female in the examination room with him while he is conducting any type of physical examination on a female patient thirteen (13) years of age or older; and must take six (6) additional hours of continuing medical education in medical ethics, specifically on the subject of patient-physician relationships and sexual boundaries, within six (6) months.

YARATHA, SRIDHAR, M.D. – Macon, NC (08/19/04)

WV License No. 19975

Board Conclusion: Exercising influence within a patient-physician relationship for the purpose of engaging a patient in sexual activity.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective August 16, 2004, and Dr. Yaratha agrees not to apply for a medical license in West Virginia at any time in the future, and understands that if he does so, his request for medical licensure will be denied.

NOTICE

We received the following notice from the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration:

The Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA), Office of Diversion Control, is in the process of changing the style and appearance of the DEA Controlled Substance Registration Certificate. As of October 1, 2004, the revised Certificate of Registration will consist of two parts: one that can be displayed on the wall and a smaller wallet size version. The certificate will have an imbedded watermark logo, which will provide authentication of the certificate and also deter counterfeiting.

Registrants that are currently allowed to renew their DEA registration via the Diversion Control Program’s website (i.e., Retail Pharmacies, Hospitals, Practitioners, Mid-level Practitioners and Teaching Institutions) may print their Certificate of Registration upon completion of the registration renewal process as long as no changes have been made to their registration since their last renewal. The Diversion Control Program’s website may be accessed at www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov. The DEA will continue to send Certificates of Registration via the United States Postal Service to all new registrants and all other DEA registrants renewing their DEA registration.

LICENSURE STATISTICS

As of September 30, 2004, the number of medical doctors with a licensure status of active was 4,811. Of that 4,811, there are 3,513 active and practicing within the State of West Virginia. There were also 848 licensed in an inactive status.

The number of actively licensed podiatrists in the State is 105, with 22 registered as inactive. Of those 105 active podiatrists, there are 72 practicing within the State of West Virginia.

There are 459 physician assistants licensed and practicing in the State of West Virginia.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

WV License No: _____

Date of Change: _____

Name of Licensee: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS:

(The preferred mailing address is the licensee's address of record, which is public information.)

(Note that telephone numbers are not considered public information.)

() Principal Office or Work Location *ONLY CHECK ONE* () Home Address

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Original Signature of Licensee is Required



Mail completed form(s) to:

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Fax copies not accepted.

By law, you must keep this office apprised of any and all address changes.

Hospital Preparedness in West Virginia

*by William D. Rose, M.D., FACEP**

As the nation prepares for future disasters, particularly bioterrorism events, following 9/11, the WV Bureau for Public Health's Division of Threat Preparedness in conjunction with the WV Office of Emergency Services and the WV Hospital Association has been working to help hospitals in the state prepare for the worst. The current goal is to prepare for a surge capacity of at least 500 ill or injured patients per million population needing hospitalization as the result of a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) event, flu pandemic, or other major disaster. A variety of activities are underway.

With the assistance of federal grant money from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), West Virginia hospitals are buying chemically resistant decontamination supplies, additional N95 masks, chemical and nerve agent antidotes, computers for internet connection to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state Bureau for Public Health websites, radios and pagers for hospital security/safety personnel, etc. After committing to a three tiered level of preparedness, the hospitals are being issued shelters and equipment for large scale decontamination, along with training in their use.

This past year, the development of regional plans to deal with large scale events has been a top priority. This year, training for hospital personnel will be addressed through ongoing courses in threat awareness and decontamination.

One of the biggest areas of focus will also be enhancing isolation capacity so that all hospitals will be able to have either fixed or portable negative pressure isolation areas to care for patients with highly infectious diseases. The goal is for every hospital to be capable of caring for at least one highly infectious patient, and at least one hospital in each of the state's seven regions to be capable of caring for 10 or more such patients. Attention to the capabilities of hospital labs and their ability to process a potentially dangerous agent is also an area of focus.

Disease surveillance using manual reporting has been an ongoing problem, since the data often lags several days behind the patient's presentation and is sometimes incomplete. For more timely identification and tracking of infectious diseases, the WV Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WVEDSS) is being established. This will electronically connect providers and labs with the Bureau for Public Health to allow automated disease reporting.

Finally, and perhaps most challenging of all, will be the recruitment and advance credentialing of medical personnel who will volunteer to help in such a crisis.

For more information, contact Dr. Rose at wrose66@adelphia.net.

*Dr. Rose is Professor of Emergency Medicine at WVU School of Medicine and serves as the Medical Director for the Bureau for Public Health's Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program.

END-OF-LIFE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSEWORK

Starting with the reporting period beginning July 1, 2005, the two (2) hour end-of-life continuing education requirement every two (2) years becomes a one (1) time only requirement. Those renewing licenses in 2005 will need to show two (2) hours of the end-of-life coursework between 2003 and 2005. Those renewing in 2006 and after will only need to have completed the two (2) hour coursework since the requirement became effective in 2001.

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